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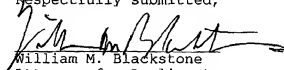
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Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement issued February 11, 2003, Applicants elect for prosecution the claims in Group I, claims 1-4 and 6-11, for prosecution in this application.

As the novelty of claim 12 relies on incubating the peripheral blood mononuclear cells with a peptide according to claim 1, it is believed that claim 12 can be examined without additional searching or consideration, and accordingly this election is made with traverse.

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